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State, If Not WNY, Has Fared Well in Administration Jobs

New Yorkers Hold Two Cabinet Positions
And Several of Sub-Cabinet Ranking

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—How well has New York State done in placing its sons in positions of power and influence in the Eisenhower Administration?

During the last month or two, the Empire State lost its battle for representation on the Advisory Board of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and for a place on the International Joint Commission, which deals with Great Lakes and other Canadian boundary matters.

These setbacks might indicate that the state has been snubbed by President Eisenhower. So far as Western New York is concerned, this appears to be true.

The only Buffalonian—if you can still call him one—now occupying a top position on the Federal Government thanks to the present Administration is Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan. He served with distinction as U. S. Ambassador to Thailand and now is en route back to this country for reassignment to an undisclosed high-level job.

N. Y. City Talents Tapped

Of course the Administration has appointed Buffalonians to key federal jobs in Buffalo itself. There is, for instance, U. S. Attorney John O. Henderson, Customs Collector Harold R. Becker, and Postmaster Joseph R. Hawn.

The Eisenhower Administration has not failed to tap the brains and talents of New York City's vast business, industrial and banking community.

At the Cabinet level itself are two noted New Yorkers—Secretary of State Dulles and Attorney General Brownell.

There are others in sub-cabinet posts: Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbot, Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens, and Nelson A. Rockefeller, undersecretary of health, education and welfare. Undersecretary of the Treasury Marion B. Folsom of Rochester is the only Upstater in this select group.

New Yorkers hold assistant secretary appointments in many of the key Government departments: John R. Lewis is assistant secretary of the Air Force, Felix E. Wormser is assistant secretary of the interior, H. Struve Hansel and Frank B. Berry are assistant secretaries of defense.

Then there is Raymond Henry Fogler, assistant secretary of the Navy, and Roswell B. Perkins, assistant secretary of health, education and welfare. Only 28, Mr. Perkins is known as "the boy wonder" of the Health Department.

Other Key Posts Held

New Yorkers are prominent, too, in top positions on various independent Government agencies.

Joseph Campbell is a member of the Atomic Energy Commission, while Allen W. Dulles, brother of the secretary of state, is director of the top-secret Central Intelligence Agency.

Howard Hughes, former vice president of the National City Bank of New York, is President Eisenhower's budget director.

Philip Young, a career Government official from New York, heads the important Civil Service Commission, which rules over the destinies of some 1,500,000 federal workers.

Other New Yorkers hold these key posts:

Robert W. Burgess, director of the Census Bureau; Frank A. Southard, executive director of the International Monetary Fund; Theodore C. Streibert, director of the U. S. Information Service; Raymond T. Armbruster, member of the War Claims Commission.

Preston R. Bassett, a native of Buffalo, and Ralph S. Damon, members of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, and James J. Wadsworth of Geneva, deputy U. S. representative to the United Nations.

On White House Staff

The White House Staff itself includes several from the Empire State.

Thomas E. Stephens, who has been active for years in New York Republican politics and used to

be secretary to John Foster Dulles, now is secretary to President Eisenhower. Gabriel Haug is administrative assistant to the President, and Charles F. Willis Jr. is Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams' right-hand man.

James C. Hagerty, long the Press secretary to Gov. Dewey, holds the same post in the White House, while his assistant is Murray Snyder, also a New Yorker.

Stephen Benedict is assistant staff secretary and James M. Lambie is a special assistant in the White House office.

This is a roster of just a few noted New Yorkers who hold policy-making positions in the Eisenhower Administration. There are scores of others in less exalted roles and thousands, no doubt, lost in the anonymity of the average federal job.